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SUBJECT: CSCE: NATO CONSULTATIONS ON BASKET II

REF: AC/127-A/414, NOVEMBER 8, 1973

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. AT NOVEMBER 15 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING, PROGRESS IN CSCE BASKET II ITEMS DISCUSSED AS AGENDA ITEM I. U.S. REP SPOKE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS GENEVA REPORTING. WHILE DISCUSSION THREW LITTLE LIGHT ON SUBSTANCE OF WORK IN GENEVA, SEVERAL ECONADS CALLED ATTENTION TO LACK OF EFFECTIVE NATO COORDINATION IN ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEES DUE TO PROBLEMS OF BLENDING LENGTHY AND APPARENTLY DIFFICULT DELIBERATIONS IN EC-9 MEETINGS WITH AGREED UPON NATO CAUCUSES.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST IN INSTILLING RENEWED ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY IN NEGOTIATIONS, CONSENSUS DEVELOPED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR MEMBERS OF NATO CSCE DELEGATIONS TO MEET WITH ECONADS IN BRUSSELS DURING CHRISTMAS RECESS TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ITEMS. SEVERAL ECONADS (ESPECIALLY BELGIUM, DENMARK, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, AND NORWAY) STATED CONFIDENTIAL

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SUCH DISCUSSIONS, WHILE PATENTLY NECESSARY, WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE AFTER EC CONSULTATIONS PLANNED DURING RECESS. US ECONAD SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF CONCERN EXPRESSED IN DISCUSSION, CONSULTATION AMONG ALLIANCE MEMBERS MIGHT BE DESIRABLE BEFORE

RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA NEXT YEAR. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT PRESENCE OF MEMBERS US CSCE DELEGATION COULD HARDLY BE EXPECTED UNLESS MEETING IN BRUSSELS SCHEDULED EITHER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RECESS OR PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA.

3. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MADE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION THAT ALL ECONADS AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT MEETING OF NATO CSCE DELS IN BRUSSELS WOULD BE DESIRABLE. HE SUGGESTED JANUARY 7 OR 8, PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, AS MOST PROPITIOUS DATES. HE ASKED ECONADS TO SEEK APPROVAL SUCH A MEETING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES SUCH CONSULTATIONS (WHICH MISSION RECOMMENDS), USNATO WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY GUIDANCE AS TO THOSE ISSUES IN BASKET II WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER EXAMINATION. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER MEMBER OF US CSCE DEL AGREEABLE TO MEET WITH ALLIANCE PARTNERS IN BRUSSELS DURING SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY (PREFERABLY JAN 8 OR 9) TO COORDINATE APPROACH DURING SECOND ROUND OF TALKS.

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